

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Children's Home of the City of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Another year has come and gone, and with it have also come the duties and responsibilities that rest upon us as the directors of this, one of the oldest and grandest of the city's charitable institutions. We desire to lay before the people, whose servants we are, a summary of our work done during the year, and the present condition of the home which the citizens of the city and vicinity have reared for helpless childhood. And in doing so we desire to express our sincere gratitude to the public for the continued interest manifested and ready support given, which enabled us to carry on this good work. Although many other worthy charities have been begun, the interest of former years in this institution continues with unabated enthusiasm.

The Board of Lady Managers, ably presided over by Mrs. J. C. Hupp, spare no pains to carefully guard every interest and every department and make it a perfect home. It is the purpose of these ladies to give to these little ones all the comforts and enjoyments that children ordinarily have in our best regulated families, where love reigns, and many kind friends have aided in showing the children special kindness at Christmas time and holiday seasons in appropriate gifts and sumptuous dinners.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SACK GATHERING was this year in many ways greater than ever before, filling pantry and cellar with necessary stores; no flour needed to be brought during the year. This was the case for the past three years. The health of the children has been good. During the summer they have many "outing" through the kindness of the Wheeling & Elm Grove railroad company and the Wheeling Park Association.

A system of daily visitation for inspection and suggestion is practiced by the board of lady managers, and they develop a personal interest in all the children and are quick to notice the effect. The chairman of the board of lady managers well says: "Coming to us, as many of the children do, from bad and neglected homes, with little knowledge of right and wrong, without habits of obedience or cleanliness, we feel they soon show a marked improvement."

THE HOUSEHOLD COMMITTEE, through Mrs. J. C. Morris, chairman, reports everything about the premises in perfect order, and states it is continuously so. Pantries, closets, bath rooms, sleeping apartments, beds and bedding are sweet and clean. Wearing apparel in good condition, buttons on and mending neatly done. The committee speaks in highest terms of the efficiency and faithfulness of Miss Louise Forney, the acting matron; patient, self-denying and persevering in her efforts to keep the children and home in presentable condition. The

ADMISSION COMMITTEE reports the number of children received into the Home during the year sixteen (16); nine (9) boys and seven (7) girls, ranging from two and one-half (2 1/2) to twelve (12) years of age. "Had we time and space to narrate the circumstances attending the entrance of some of these children there would be many a pathetic story told of abuse and want such as could scarcely be believed to exist in a Christian community. Then there are the stories of mothers who have tried by every honest means to provide for their children, but rather than see them suffer for food or see them neglected when obliged to leave them to go out to seek work to make a living for them, bring them and commit them to the care of the Home." One little girl not quite six years old was rescued from a pitiable condition. She had been placed by her unnatural father under the care of a woman who kept a house for immoral purposes. The managers, hearing of this, investigated the case, and the court upon proper evidence committed the child to the Home.

Mrs. J. J. Jones, chairman of the FINDING COMMITTEE reports that "there have been sent out of the home twenty children, eleven boys and nine girls. Seven of these boys went back to their mothers, whose circumstances permitted them to again provide for their boys. Will say in this connection that it is always the desire of the managers to return children to worthy parents who have been compelled, not through any fault, but only on account of adverse circumstances to give them up to the home, when they (the parents) can give satisfactory proof that they are able to comfortably care for them. The other four boys are in good homes, three of them in the country on farms, where they are very happy and delighted with the horses, cows, &c., &c., as they never before had been in the country for more than a day. We have had good reports of their behavior since going to their new homes."

Of the nine girls sent out two were returned to their father, who is now able to provide for them, and they are cared for by their maternal grand-mother. The other seven girls are in good homes. A recent letter from one of these girls, who never knew anything of love or care until she came into the home, says: "I thought I would write to let you know how much I like my home. I like it and want to stay here always, as they are so good to me. I am going to school and am trying hard to learn. I like my teacher too. Give my love to Miss Forney and the children and tell them I often think of them, and auntie says she will take me to see them next summer, but I don't want to stay."

One of the girls died last fall; she had been in her adopted home nearly eight years, and had just turned into her sixteenth year. She was ill several months with consumption, and no parents could have loved and cherished an own daughter when living, or mourn one more deeply when dead. They sent for the girl's own mother during her sickness, and she reported that she could not and would not have humored all of her sick fancies as these good people did, sparing neither expense nor trouble to please her. They have another of our girls whom they treat just as kindly and who is happy with "papa" and "mother," as she calls them. During the past year two boys and two girls, children who have been out of the home for years, have attained their majority, but all remain well satisfied in their adopted homes. One of these boys came to the city last fall and spent a week, partly in the Children's Home and partly in the home of one of the managers, who assisted him in endeavoring to trace his relatives, but after finding out their place of residence and manner of living he decided not to visit them, saying that the home had placed him, where he had been respectfully raised, so he thought it was better for him to stay where he had been well trained and had a good home rather than seek to know those who had not cared sufficiently for him to take care of him when he was young and helpless. So, after enjoying

the state fair, etc., he returned to the home of his adoption.

We have a great many applications which we can not fill. So many want girls from twelve to fifteen years of age. As girls are always in demand it is seldom we are permitted to keep them until they arrive at that age. Other applicants want children with such lovely characteristics that we feel that none of ours would fill the requirements, as they are only mortals like other people's children, and when the birth and heredity of many of them are considered the only wonder is that they are so tractable and lovable.

From the above it may be noted that a greater number was sent out this year than any previous year.

Mrs. R. A. Harden reports progress in recording in an appropriate book the facts she has been gathering for some time in the past and is still gathering, which facts when collated and recorded will be a complete and very satisfactory history of the HOME'S WORK, and will furnish interesting data in the experience of every child cared for by the Home.

The following is the report of the treasurer of the Children's Home, from May 30, 1891, to May 1, 1892:

April 30—Amount on hand.....	\$1,695.87
Receipts.....	2,222.53
Disbursements.....	\$2,939.70
Balance on hand May 1, 1892.....	\$988.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries.....	\$276.00
Wages.....	230.00
Supplies.....	237.35
Coal.....	25.00
Gas.....	25.00
Milk.....	209.90
Ice.....	7.73
Dr. Goods.....	39.04
Boys.....	103.62
Planting.....	7.25
Printing.....	22.80
Sealing.....	10.00
Natural Gas.....	127.93
Insurance.....	75.00
Thanksgiving Sack.....	117.84
Permanent Fund.....	1,242.01
Amount on hand May 1, 1892.....	\$2,939.70

GERTRUDE LAMB,  
Treasurer Children's Home.

WHEELING, W. VA., May 12, 1892.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Children's Home:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of your treasurer begs leave to report: That he has compared the vouchers and warrants and finds them correct.

The report of your treasurer, which I enclose herewith, showing a balance of twelve hundred and thirty-one and one-hundredth dollars (\$1,231.01) to your credit in the City Bank, I find to be correct. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. MAXWELL,  
Committee.

A MISAPREHENSION CORRECTED.

There seems to be an impression among some that the Home is supported by endowment, but this is incorrect.

A beginning toward an endowment has been made, but the income from the accumulation is nothing like sufficient to meet the wants of the Home. The endowment has never been touched, or the interest therefrom; the fund is cumulative and not to be drawn upon until such time as it will maintain the Home.

The Home, therefore, is still dependent upon voluntary contributions, and we ask from one and all a continued remembrance of the helpless little ones committed to our charge, in the regular collections, by donation, and the sacks at Thanksgiving.

Thanking the friends of the home for their help in the past and recognizing with gratitude the propitious smiles of Providence, we go forward. "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul, shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day, and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

Very respectfully submitted for the board of directors.

E. H. DONNINER,  
President of the Board.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 18, 1892.

Murdered His Wife's Paramour.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 17.—Victoria Faxio suspected Albert Santani of unlawful relations with his wife, and returning home suddenly this morning found the couple together and sent five bullets into Santani's body and then carved him fearfully with a razor. Surgeons say Santani will live but a short time. Faxio was captured by the police, but succeeded in escaping and the police are scouring the city in search of him.

Called on the President.

Fort Monroe, Va., May 18.—Gen. V. D. Griner, of Norfolk, called on President Harrison yesterday and invited him to go to North Carolina, for a few days' shooting. He may accept the invitation. The president has inspected the ship yard and dry dock at Newport News.

His Personal Experience.

Hon. James W. Husted, while serving his sixth term as Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York, writes:—"STATE OF NEW YORK, ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, ALBANY, Jan. 16, 1890."

I desire once more to bear my testimony to the value of ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS. I have used them for twenty-five years past, and can conscientiously commend them as the best external remedy that I have known. Years ago, when thrown from a carriage and seriously injured, I gave them a thorough trial. In a very short time the pain that I was suffering disappeared, and within a week I was entirely relieved. On another occasion, when suffering from a severe cough, which threatened pulmonary difficulties, which I was recommended to go to Florida to relieve, I determined to test the plasters again. I applied them to my chest and between the shoulder blades, and in less than a fortnight was entirely cured. On still another occasion when suffering from an attack of rheumatism in the shoulder to such an extent that I could scarcely raise my arm, I again resorted to the plasters, and within a very few days the rheumatism entirely disappeared. I have them constantly by me, whether at home or abroad. My family, as well as myself have found them to be a sovereign remedy, both for external and internal troubles. I never had but one kidney difficulty in my life, and the application of the plasters cured me in a week. I desire, as I said before, to bear my testimony in a public way to their efficiency, and I know of no better way of doing it than by giving you my personal experience."

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MAY MUSIC.

A Trip to Cincinnati in Festival Week.

HOW TO ENJOY THE CONCERTS.

Spring and fall are the best seasons for visiting Cincinnati, as then the city and suburbs are most attractive. May and October are the most delightful months of the two seasons. This is the May Musical Festival year. These series of concerts attract a large number of people to the Queen City, who not only enjoy the music, but also the pleasures of shopping at metropolitan stores, driving in the world-renowned suburbs, visiting the Art Museum, which always has some new attractions, the College of Music—the only endowed conservatory in the United States—with its six hundred pupils, the Zoological Garden, the largest in the world, the Hookwood Pottery, which now occupies a beautiful new building near the Art Museum, Fort Thomas, the new government post across the river, where are stationed a regiment of soldiers and a band, and most pleasant of all, being entertained at private residences by friends.

These concerts are seven in number, and will be given in the great Music Hall on the evenings of May 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, and on the afternoons of May 26 and 28. The price of admission to each concert is \$1.00 only, and a reserved seat costs a dollar more, or \$2.00. These can be had at the store of The John Church Co., No. 74 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, or by addressing W. N. Hobart, Musical Festival Association, 60 Pike Building, Cincinnati, O. The leading railroad companies also have tickets for sale, or their agents will procure them.

The railroad and steamboat lines have made special rates for the May Festival, which is not a private but a public enterprise, whose object is to produce such choral and other works which individuals would hesitate to undertake, because of the expense, about \$50,000.

At the first concert, Tuesday evening, May 24, Mendelssohn's oratorio, "St. Paul," will be given, with Edward Lloyd, Mrs. Corinne Moore-Lawson, Miss Ida M. Smith, and William Ludwig as soloists, and with chorus of four hundred voices, Theodore Thomas' orchestra of one hundred and twenty-five, and the great organ, Arthur Mees, organist.

The second evening, Wednesday, May 25, the programme will include scenes from "Alceste," and Becker's Cantata, with organ, orchestra, chorus, and the following soloists: Mme. Antonia Mielke, Mrs. Corinne Moore-Lawson, Miss Ida M. Smith, Andreas Dippel, William Ludwig, George Ellsworth Holmes, and Alfred F. Maish. The orchestra also will perform Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony.

The first matinee will be given Thursday afternoon, May 26. Mme. Mielke, Mlle. Clementine De Vere, Mrs. Lawson, Mme. Marie Ritter-Goetze, Miss Smith, and Edward Lloyd will sing solos, while the orchestra will perform Brahms' "Symphony No. 3," the Chopin-Thomas "Funeral March," and Liszt's symphonic poem "Mazeppa."

Thursday evening will be the real debut of the contralto, Mme. Marie Ritter-Goetze, who, with Mrs. Lawson, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Holmes, will sing in Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," and Bruckner's "To Deum," the orchestra, organ, and chorus also taking part. The orchestra will perform Schumann's Symphony No. 1.

Opera night will be Friday, May 27. This is a new feature of May Festivals, and promises to be an attractive one. Selections from "Euryanthe," "Parsifal," "Tannhauser," and "Die Gotterdammerung" will be rendered by Mme. Mielke, Mlle. De Vere, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Dippel, Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Holmes, the chorus and orchestra.

The second matinee will be on Saturday afternoon, May 28. Solos will be sung by Mme. Mielke, Mme. Ritter-Goetze, Mlle. De Vere, Mr. Dippel, and Mr. Ludwig. A quartet also will be sung by Mme. Mielke, Mlle. De Vere, Mr. Dippel, and Mr. Ludwig. The orchestra will perform the overture to "Fidelio," Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, and Berlioz's "Rakoczy March."

The festival will close in a blaze of glory Saturday evening, May 28. Devorak's Requiem Mass will be rendered by organ, orchestra, chorus, and Mlle. De Vere, Mme. Ritter-Goetze, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Holmes. Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 will be performed by the orchestra, Mlle. De Vere, Mme. Ritter-Goetze, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Dippel, and Mr. Holmes will sing the quintet from the "Meistersinger," and the chorus will bring the concert to an end with the inspiring choral "A Wake."

The Musical Festival Association issues three publications containing information about the concerts. No. 1 is an illustrated eight-page circular, containing portraits of Lloyd, Mielke, Ritter-Goetze, Dippel, and De Vere, the Association organization, introduction, programmes, sketches of all the soloists, plates of Music Hall, prices, and regulations. No. 2 is an illustrated eight-page circular also, but smaller than No. 1. It has illustrations on each of its eight pages. There are portraits of Lloyd, Mielke, De Vere, Ritter-Goetze, Dippel, and Ludwig, dates of sales of seats, and the programme of each performance. Either, or both, of these circulars may be had free by sending to the Musical Festival Association, 60 Pike Building, Cincinnati, O.

The third publication is more pretentious. It is the "Programme Book," a pamphlet of 123 pages, and sells at cost, twenty-five cents. It will be sent to any address, postage prepaid, on receipt of price, by the Musical Festival Association, 60 Pike Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. This book contains names of Directors and members of the Association, of subscribers to season tickets, of chorus, orchestra, soloists, musical director, chorus conductor and organist, the order of performances and rules governing same, the programmes of all the Tenth Festival Concerts, the names of soloists, and the principal numbers of the preceding nine festivals, and an explanation and description of all the works to be performed at the Tenth Festival, together with the words. To properly enjoy the concerts one should first read the programme book from beginning to end, and before going to each concert should read again the matter descriptive of the programme of that concert. As the author very properly says: "It is not to be expected that the highest achievements of the mind can be understood and enjoyed in the realm of art any more than in that of literature or science without effort and study, and the festivals would not be worthy of existence if this were not true of the works they present." Those persons, also, who intend to be present at one or several concerts only, will do well to read this book before buying tickets, as they will be greatly aided in their choice of concerts they will like best to hear.

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